

The Aggie Quintet

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Basketball season has arrived at the Aggie camp and with it comes the statement from Coach "Hub" McQuillan that his Cadets will not win a conference game. You had better take that statement with a grain of salt, however. McQuillan is always looking on the dark side of things.

A year ago "Hub" said that the Aggies did not have a chance except maybe over T. C. O. Well, they went through the season and finished with six wins and six losses and those six wins were not all over T. C. U. Last year the Aggies did have four lettermen and one of them ended the season as the third high scorer of the league.

This year the Cadets are led by the only letterman on the club, Sammy Dwyer, who is a junior. He is the foundation on which McQuillan hopes to build a formidable machine. He has the makings of a star and should be All-Conference before he hangs up his shoes.

In the only game that the team has played this season Sam stood out far ahead of the rest of the players. Some may disagree with this, but in that game Sam was making himself look bad because he was having to wait on some of the other boys.

The other guard position is being filled by Durwood Varner, another junior, who was a squadman last year. "Woody" is going to have to improve a lot to hold this position, but he was late in getting out to practice.

Ruben Wheelis, six foot seven inch senior, is the starting center. Wheelis is going to have a job on his hands if he holds this starting job. He is being pushed by "Big Dog" Dawson, six foot five inch sophomore. Harold Duncan is also adding competition to this array.

Billy Joe Adams is holding down one of the forward jobs while James Carrigan is starting at the other. Adams is a squadman and Carrigan is a junior college transfer. With more experience, these men should come along fast. Both are six feet three inches tall.

J. T. Lang, former All-State man is due to see lots of service at guard. Lang is 24 years old and has played lots of basketball.

Jude Smith of Houston, a junior college transfer, looked pretty fair while he was in the game Saturday night. He might be one of the starting guards by the time the conference competition comes along.

It is rumored that Bob Folk will play lots of ball this year, as will Thom Tinker. Both of these men are forwards.

Other men on the team are Harry Holland, Adrian Eder, Al Scarborough, Paul Wofford, Dan Jardell, "Cotton" Price, Bernard Richardson, and C. D. Elwell.

The Aggies open their conference race against Rice at College Station Jan. 5. Rice is much stronger this year than they were last. They defeated Tulane by a very large score last Saturday. After Rice comes Baylor at College. That last Baylor game will be remembered a long time. The cadets won in an overtime game.

After Baylor the Aggies go to Houston where they will meet the Owls in their second game. January 20 will find A. & M. in Fort Worth where they will tangle with the Frogs. The next night they will play the strong S. M. U. Ponies at Dallas.

Feb. 11 will find Jack Gray and his yellow-shirted Texas Steers here at College. Texas has a very good

chance of winning the flag this trip. On the 14th of that month the Cadets will play Baylor in their second game at Waco. After this T. C. U. comes to College on their southern swing and will play here Feb. 17. S. M. U. will pay us a visit on Feb. 20, before the Aggies trip up to the Ozarks where they play the Razorbacks on the 24th and 25th.

Those boys in Arkansas are still as tall as every. I don't think they let a man on the team there who is less than six feet tall. After McQuillan and his boys get out of their fracas in Arkansas they will come back and then step over to Austin where they will end their season against Texas.

Several games will be played with strong non-conference teams from now till the first fray. The boys will spend a large part of their Christmas holidays playing and practicing so that they will be ready for Rice.

It is hard to say just where the Cadets will finish in this race, but we are willing to bet that they will not be in last place. There is one thing that we can say about the Cadets and that is that they will be fighting until the final second of every ball game.

There was not a single Aggie who fouled out of their first game. Dawson looks to be a much smoother player than he was last year, but it is still a good idea not to fight too much with him for the ball.

Arkansas, S. M. U. and Texas University appear to have the strongest teams of the league and the championship will likely go to one of them.

Texas has been strengthened a lot by their transfers from John Tarleton, a member school in the A. & M. system.